

# 2022

# COMMUNITY NEWS



*Serving Northern Minnesota Communities  
Hill City, Jacobson, and Swatara*



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### Hill City Community News



### Lunch /Activity Calendars

As we move through the holiday break and towards 2022, I would like to say thank you to communities of Hill City, Swatara, and Jacobson for all the support that you all continue to show. Without each of you, we couldn't be here right now.



The new semester starts on January 25th. Student's grades are consistently updated on Infinite Campus. If you have any questions about them, please reach out to the teachers as we move closer to the 2nd half of the year.

The school calendar and activities calendar on the school website has all the up to date events, games, and practices that are being held in our school. It is a great place to see what is going on in our building that day.

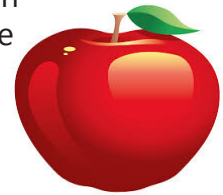
We have two relatively new activities for middle and high schoolers coming up. Robotics and Speech are both new things happening in our school. Mr. Gallagher helps lead Robotics along with Mr. Sharp in Northland. Mrs. Vroman leads the Speech team. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Vroman.

There are a lot of unsung people in our school that are doing awesome things. Our kitchen staff, consisting of Shawn Kingsley, Tina Harcey, and Aimee Linder, are doing an excellent job this year, as they always do. We are so appreciative of all that they do to help keep our students healthy.

Finally, and I know I say this a lot, but we do have some really great students in Hill City. It is so much fun to work with all of them and see some of the amazing things that they do. Hill City Schools really does have some amazing students.



# MR. JOHNSON'S MINUTE...



Jay Zapzalka, Chairman  
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Joell Miranda, Clerk  
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Mark Meyer  
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## Committee Assignments for 2021

### Committee

MSHSL  
Negotiations Committee

Curriculum Committee  
Community Education Advisory Council  
Meet and Confer  
Staff Development  
School and Community Health Team  
Recertification Committee  
ARCC  
Comparable Worth  
Safety/Transportation Committee  
Athletic Advisory Committee

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative  
Policy Committee

### Representative

Mark Meyer  
Jay Zapzalka, Mark Meyer,  
Rich Kingsley  
Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)  
Mark Meyer (Bambi Lange, Alt.)  
Bambi Lange and Joell Miranda  
Joell Miranda  
Joell Miranda  
Bambi Lange  
Sue Kaslow  
Jay Zapzalka  
Mark Meyer  
Jay Zapzalka and Mark Meyer  
(Rich Kingsley, Alt.)  
Bambi Lange (Mark Meyer, Alt.)  
Bambi Lange



### **RADIO STATIONS**

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
	93.1 FM
KMFY Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE Grand Rapids	91.7 FM
KBAJ	105.5 FM

### **INSTANT ALERT**

Infinite Campus' Voice  
Messenger system will  
call parents between  
**5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for**  
**school closings.**

### **TV STATIONS**

WDIO/WIRT  
KDLH  
KBJR  
WCCO

### **Community Newsletter Deadline**

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are usually uploaded to the website around the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.



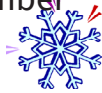
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**Call 218-326-5008 or 1-866-747-5008**

MEDICAL/LEGAL SUPPORT & FOLLOW-UP PEER  
COUNSELING COMMUNITY REFERRALS & EDUCATION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2  
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021.



Roll Call by Clerk showed the following members present: Bambi Lange, Joell Miranda, Rich Kingsley and Jay Zapzalka. Board Members absent: Mark Meyer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Correction and Approval for Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021
  - \*Current bills through September 9, 2021
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Recognitions: None
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: None
6. Policy Committee: None
7. School and Community Health Committee: None to Report
8. Safety/Transportation Committee: None to report
9. Negotiation Committee: None to Report
10. Community Education Report: None to Report
11. Early Childhood Report: None to Report
12. Building & Grounds Director Report: Thank you to Precision Pipeline for Hand Sanitizer and white board Donations. Welcome our new IASC IT Nick Goligoski.  
Additional airflow and air exchange. Including chiller, duct work mod. Increase airflow with stable humidity. More control and turnability overall for the system. Will allow for expansion. Meeting with lake Country Power tomorrow to potential tie chiller to dual fuel service. Some money from ESSAR for improvement to air quality. Approved to pursue a matching OSHA grant application up to \$10,000.00, includes Fall Protection barriers around units

on roof.

13. Principal's Report: Community and School Garden plans are still underway. Shortage of substitutes, especially paraprofessionals. Thank you Mr. Hack for your years of service to Hill City. Employee shortages are statewide. Transportation is going well. NorTran and bus drivers have been doing a really good job. Teachers and all staff have been doing a very good job. The Kitchen Staff have been awesome! Activities have been going smoothly despite COVID concerns. Homecoming is next week. SWARM have been doing a really good job. Overall it has been a good year. The kids are having a good year. More energy in the Building.
14. Superintendent's Report: The President's executive order for 100 employees or more have not made any progress. But the vaccination piece might come through as an OSHA order.
15. Reviewed Administrative COVID-19 Decision Making Guidance. Sending home around one student a day due to illness, which is higher than last year. Our Community has been really great at keeping ill students home so perhaps another reminder is needed. Chairman Zapzalka shared that we would like to see a Special Board Meeting take place, should the Administration look at school wearing masks. All Members agreed.
16. Accepted the resignation from David Hack as .67 FTE Physical Education Teacher and posted for the position for the 2021-2022 School Year per the current HCUE Contract.
17. Accepted the Resignation from Jodi Gulbraa as Administrative Secretary/Payroll and posted for the position per the current AFSCME agreement.
18. Approved to post for EBD Special Education Long Term Teacher Substitute for November 23, 2021 through January 10, 2022.
19. Approved to post for 6-12 Mathematics Teacher long Term Substitute from approximately March 3, 2022 to April 19, 2022.
20. Approved to post for an English Credit Recovery Teacher Aide for 2 hours per day while school is in session on Monday's starting September 20, 2021 through January 10, 2022 with per of first year Paraprofessional pay.
21. Approved an increase in substitute teacher rates

to: \$115.00 per day for substitute teachers and \$135.00 per day for retired teacher substitutes.

22. Approved an increase in the daily rate to \$165.00 per day for Long Term Substitute Teachers who sub for more than 15 consecutive days.
23. Approved the 2021-2022 Preliminary Seniority Lists.
24. Superintendent Rendle recommends the Board set the Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2021 Payable 2022 at the maximum.
25. Set date and time for Truth and Taxation Meeting for December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hill City School Community Room, Room 230. This is a Public Announcement that the Truth and Taxation Meeting will be held on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hill City School Community Room, Room 230, at which time the budget and levy will be discussed and the public will be allowed to speak.
26. Meeting to be attended and Meetings attended: The 2022 MSBA leadership Conference scheduled to be an in-person event from January 13-14, 2022, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Reserve for new seats as well. Rich and Ron. Next Board Meeting October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
27. Approved to adjourn the Meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Joell Miranda, Clerk



Complete Minutes of the above Board Meetings and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.

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## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021.

Roll Call by Clerk showed the following members present: Bambi Lange, Mark

Meyer, Rich Kingsley and Jay Zapzalka. Board Members absent: Joell Miranda.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
  - \*Correction and Approval for Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2021.
  - \*Current bills through October 10, 2021
  - \*Investments and wire transfers;
  - \*Reviewed Cash Receipts including donations.
3. Recognitions: None
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: Bus Drivers are out but can get sub drivers but another positive test came in and that is why the district had to cancel school today. Coverage is being made moving forward.
6. Policy Committee: None
7. School and Community Health Committee: None to Report
8. Safety/Transportation Committee: None to report
9. Negotiation Committee: HCUE Agreement has a few details to correct but should be on November agenda for approval.
10. Community Ed Report: None
11. Early Childhood Report: None to Report
12. Building & Grounds Director Report: Updated indoor/outdoor air quality.
13. Principal's Report: Homecoming Week went very well. SWARM and staff did a great job! Sub shorages are still critical. We now have a floater sub to help alleviate that need. Teachers are covering sub needs and doing very well. Maintenance staff is doing a great job working shorthanded. Volleyball are co-conference champs. Football won sub-district. Cross-Country has sections coming up. Basketball, Speech and One Act Play are getting underway. It's been a challenge with the recent spike in COVID but staff and our resources have pulled together very well. Working on grants. School Year is going well.
14. Superintendent's Report: Dissolve (add resolution-get copy from Pat) One day at a time and keeping our routines best as possible. This year is more difficult to keep staff in the



building due to COVID and different pressures coming from outside of the community. Aitkin County has been great to work with during the pandemic. OASHA and the government are talking about the emergency standard. Waiting on guidance from the Federal Government. IASC is reviewing a new operational and strategic plan. Resolution for Education Innovation Partners is dissolving. See document to make motion: dissolve... action taken.

15. Approved the Final Seniority List for the 2021-2022 school year with corrections.
16. Approved hiring Lisa Blanchard as the English Credit Recovery Teacher Aide for 2 hours per day while school is in session on Monday's starting September 20, 2021 through January 10, 2022 with pay of a first year paraprofessional.
17. Approved hiring Stacey Johnson to fill the .67 FTE Physical Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year per the current HCUE contract with a start date of September 27, 2021.
18. Approved hiring Erin Boleman as Payroll/ Administrative Secretary per the current AFSCME contract.
19. Approved Adopted Resolution appointing Special Election judges.
20. Set a Special Board Meeting date and time to Canvass the General Election results (Nov. 5-12, 2021. Cannot be held on November 11, Veterans Day)
21. Approved to give sixty (60) day notice to opt out of the shared Business Manager Agreement with Northland School District. Business Manager salary contract will stay the rate in Article 9 through June 30, 2022.
22. Approved the Fiscal Year 2021 Committed for Severance (B01-418-000) to be \$179,691.58.
23. Approved Community Education annual report.
24. Superintendent Rendle recommends the Board set the Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2021 Payable 2022 at the maximum.
25. Meetings to be attended and Meetings attended: Mark and Bambi register for MSBA Training in January. The next Board Meeting is November 15, 2021.

27. Approved to adjourn the Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted: Joell Miranda, Clerk

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The Sophomore Class spread leaves to the entire school so that they would return to the tree with what people are grateful for. There was quite a response from all ages and the tree looks Beautiful! Thank you 10th graders for helping get the Gratitude Tree started.



# ideas for parents

**Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child**

## FAST FACTS

### ASSET #6: Parent Involvement in Schooling

*Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their parents are involved in their education and school.*

**29%**  
of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.\*

#### What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "Parent involvement in schooling" is one of six support assets

\* Based on Search Institute surveys of almost 100,000 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States.

## Becoming a School Partner

**I**t's a downward trend. As children start kindergarten, parents are quite involved with their education. We attend parent-teacher conferences, cheer on our children at school concerts and events, and hang up schoolwork in the family kitchen gallery: the refrigerator.

As children become older, parents grow farther away from school. Kids seem to be doing well without our involvement. They're supposed to be independent. Right?

Yes, but not by a parental retreat. Kids need their parents to stay actively involved in their education throughout middle and high school.

Parents can easily stay involved in small ways that will make a big difference. For example:

- Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teacher(s). Call to check in every other month. Call before trouble appears.
- Join a parent-teacher organization. If you can't volunteer a lot of time, say so.
- Volunteer to help out in small ways. Check with the teacher or the school's volunteer coordinator.



- Attend all conferences. If you can't make it on the designated date, arrange to meet at another time.
- Talk with your child about her or his homework—focus more on the issues and topics than specific assignments.

## The CHALLENGE

**Most youth don't have parents who are active in their schooling. Only 29% of young people experience this asset. And involvement drops dramatically across the middle and high school years, from 44% of 6th graders having this asset to only 17% of 12th graders.**

## time together

Three ways to get more involved with your child's education:

1. Encourage your child's teacher to meet with both you and your child so that everyone can have a say in expectations and goals.
2. Go to a museum to look at exhibits that are related to your child's class.
3. Together create a thank-you note or small gift for your child to give to the teacher.



# ONE ACT PLAY

## Performance Dates:

February 18 6-8 p.m.

February 19 6-8 p.m.

February 20 12-4 p.m.

**Hill City School Assembly**

## **"Driving"**

### **Hill City Area Lions Club 23rd Annual Ice Fishing Contest**

**Saturday February 12th**

**2022**

**Hill Lake Beach, Hill City MN**

**Entry Fee \$10**

**Noon—3:00**

**Over 100 Door Prizes**

**Given out during the  
contest**

**Special door prizes for  
kids 12 and under**

**Food and Beverages  
available**

#### **Fish Prizes**

**Largest Fish—\$200**

**Second Largest Fish—\$100**

**Third Largest Fish—\$50**

#### **Grand Door Prizes**

**#1—Ice Fishing package includes: Hummingbird Ice 35 Flasher, Eskimo Quick Fish III Fish House, Eskimo Stingray 8" Gas Auger, Snow Trek sled**

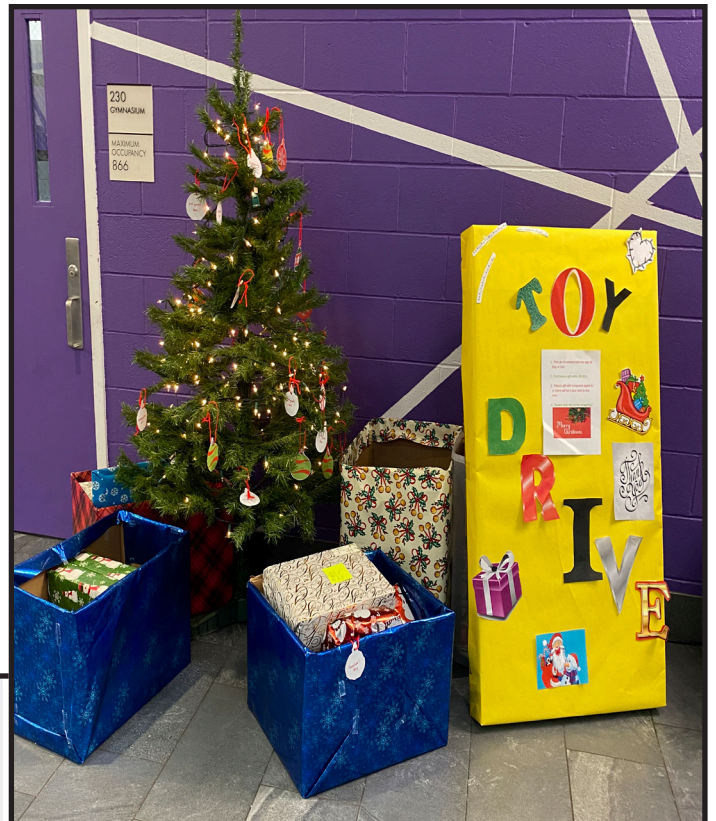
**#2—ION 40V 8" Electric Auger**

**#3—Vexilar FLX-12 Genz Pack Flasher**

**#4—Eskimo Quick Fish III Insulated Fish House**

**#5—L & M Ice Fishing bag and gear**

**This event is to help support the Hill City Area Lions Club**



Hill Lake Township recognized Nancy Fixmer in Nov. for her many years of dedication & service as election judge. The township board presented her with a plaque and special thank you to her for everything she did for the township.



**Elementary Winter  
Music Program**

January 14, 2022

1:30 ~ 2:30

Hill City School  
Gymnasium

**Door Decorating  
Contest**



**Winter Concert  
High School Band**  
January 10, 2021  
7:30 p.m.  
Assembly Room



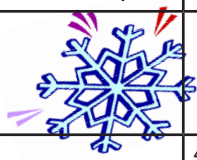
**Winter Concert  
6th - 7th - 8th  
Grade Band**  
January 21, 2022  
11:45 ~ 12:45  
Hill City School Gym &  
Assembly Room



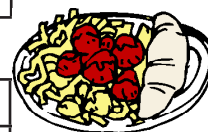


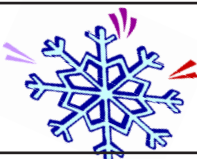
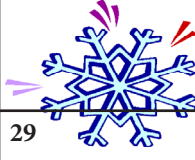
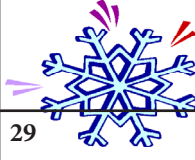
# ISD #2 Breakfast Menu January 2022



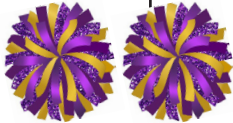
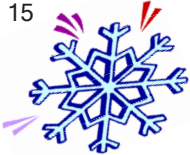
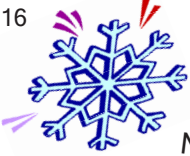
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
						
<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of	3 Cinnamon Bagel	4 Muffins, Cheese Stick	5 French Toast Sticks, Cheese Stick	6 Oatmeal, Raisins, Cereal Graham Cracker	7 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	8 Fruit, Juice & Milk Served Daily with Breakfast
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components	10 Muffins, Yogurt	11 Oatmeal, Raisins, Cereal Graham Cracker	12 Breakfast Pizza	13 Apple Struddle	14 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	15
4 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	17 NO SCHOOL	18 Strawberry Bagel	19 French Toast Sticks, Cheese Stick	20 Oatmeal, Raisins, Cereal Graham Cracker	21 Cinnamon Roll, Yogurt	22 Menu subject to change at anytime
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	24 NO SCHOOL Muffins, Yougurt 31	25 Cereal Bar	26 Breakfast Pizza	27 Oatmeal, Raisins, Cereal Graham Cracker	28 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick	29

# ISD #2 Lunch Menu January 2022



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
						
<b>Offer-vs-Serve</b> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of						
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	3 Chicken Strips, Rice, Broccoli, Breadstick	4 Riblet Sandwich, Fries, Carrots	5 Beef and Bean Burrito w/ Fixings	6 Spaghetti, Green Beans, Garlic Breadstick	7 Chicken Ala King, Biscuit, Peas	8 Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
5 meal components are offered daily. Students must select a	10 French Bread Pizza, Red Sauce, Green beans	11 Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll, Carrot Sticks	12 Chili, Corn Bread, Cheese Cup	13 Hot Dog or Brat on a Bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw	14 Cheese Burger on a Bun, Lettuce & Tomatoe Seasoned Fries, Green Beans	15
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	17 NO SCHOOL	18 Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Sweet Tots, Carrot Sticks	19 Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Veggie Sticks	20 FARM 2 SCHOOL	21 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Salad	22 
23	24 NO SCHOOL Breaded Chicken Patty on a Bun, Tater Tots, Green Beans 31	25 Hot Ham & Cheese Tater Rounds, Broccoli & Carrots	26 Beef Taco w/ Fixings, Refried Beans, Corn	27 Corn Dogs, Potato Salad, Baked beans	28 Shrimp Poppers, Cali Vegi Blend, Garlic Bread, Fries	29 

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org <b>rSchools</b>	3 Organizational Meeting 6:00 p.m. Comm.Ed. Room	4 GBB 7,8, Varsity South Ridge HOME 5:45	5 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	6	7 	8
9	10 GBB 7,8,B Varsity Blackduck HOME 5:45	11	12 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	13 GBB 7,8,B, Varsity Nash-Kee AWAY 5:45	14 GBB 9,B, Varsity Mille Lacs HOME 4:30	15 
16 	17 GBB 7,8,B, Varsity Chisholm AWAY 5:45 NO SCHOOL	18 GBB 7,8,B, Varsity Hinkley-Fin AWAY 5:45	19 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	20	21 GBB 7,8,B,Varsity Fon du Lac AWAY 5:45	22 GBB 7,8 Tourney Deer River 9:00 a.m.
23	24 NO SCHOOL	25 GBB B,Varsity Nash-Kee HOME 5:45	26 OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL 7-9	27 GBB B,Varsity Sebeka AWAY 5:45	28 GBB 7,8,B,Varsity NE Range AWAY 5:45	29
30 This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org <b>rSchools</b>	31 SCHOOL BOARD 6:00 p.m.					

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 	4	5	6	7 BBB JH,B,Varsity Bigfork AWAY 5:45	8 Archery Tournament HOME
9 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	10 Winter Hish School Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	11 BBB JH,B,Varsity Lakeview Chr. HOME 5:45	12	13 BBB B,Varsity LaPorte AWAY 5:00	14 Elementary Winter Program 1:30-2:30	15 BBB JH,B,Varsity Cook County AWAY 12:30
16 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	17 NO SCHOOL	18	19 	20 BBB JH,B,Varsity Greenway HOME 5:45	21 BBB JH,B,Varsity LFBFAWAY 5:45 Winter 6,7,8 Band Concert 11:45	22
23 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	24 NO SCHOOL	25 BBB JH,B,Varsity Floodwood HOME 5:45	26	27 BBB JH,B,Varsity Ogilvie HOME 5:45	28 BBB JH,B,Varsity Cherry HOME 5:45	29 JO Volleyball Tourney Home
30 OPEN GYM BASKETBALL 6-8	31					This information and more is also available on our Website : isd002.org <b>rSchools</b>